

641—83.3 (135) Membership. ECI council members shall include a representative of any organization that touches the lives of children ages zero through five in the state; has endorsed the purpose, vision, and guiding principles adopted for the early childhood system by the council; and has formally asked to be a member and remains actively engaged in council activities. Members are self-appointed to the council.

83.3(1) The council shall include but not be limited to representatives from the following organizations:

- a.* State agencies including the departments of public health, human rights, human services, management—office of empowerment, workforce development, economic development, and education;
- b.* Nongovernmental organizations;
- c.* Early care, health, and education providers;
- d.* Professional organizations;
- e.* Advocacy organizations;
- f.* Parent organizations.

83.3(2) The ECI council will serve as the required State Advisory Council initiated through the Head Start federal legislation (42 U.S.C. 9801, Section 642B) and will play a role in ensuring that the following entities are represented:

- a.* Head Start state collaboration office;
- b.* Iowa Head Start Association;
- c.* State child care administrator or designee;
- d.* Early Intervention Services, Early ACCESS (Part C, IDEA);
- e.* Health and mental health organizations;
- f.* Local Head Start agencies;
- g.* Local area education agencies;
- h.* Institutions of higher education.

83.3(3) The council shall work to ensure geographic, cultural, and ethnic diversity among membership.